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Security Council

10 a.m. . . . . Consultations of the whole (closed) . . . . . Consultations Room GA-TSC-02

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Other matters

Security Council

The President of the Security Council for the month of May 2012 (Azerbaijan) will provide a briefing for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council on the programme of work for the month, *today*, 3 May 2012, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

The President of the Security Council will also provide a briefing to the press on the programme of work for the month, *today*, 3 May 2012, at 12.30 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Delegations can view the press briefing from the United Nations Webcast.

General Assembly
Sixty-sixth session

There will be an informal meeting of the plenary on the modalities of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples 2014, on Friday, 4 May 2012, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 5 April 2012, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

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General Assembly
Sixty-sixth session

The General Assembly will hold a plenary meeting on Friday, 8 June 2012, at *10 a.m.* in the General Assembly Hall, to elect the President of the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session (agenda item 4). Immediately following the plenary meeting, the Main Committees will hold their consecutive meetings for the purpose of electing their Chairs at the sixty-seventh session (agenda item 5) and their respective Bureaux. Immediately following the meetings of the Main Committees, the General Assembly will hold another plenary meeting to elect the Vice-Presidents at its sixty-seventh session (agenda item 6). The Chairs of regional groups who have not yet communicated their nominations are requested to do so, *as soon as possible*, in order to facilitate the scheduled elections in a timely manner. Communications may be sent by e-mail (muturi@un.org) or sent by fax (1 (212) 963-3783). Telephone inquiries may be addressed to the focal point, Ms. Mary Muturi (tel. 1 (212) 963-2337).

United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
20–22 June 2012, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)

List of speakers

The special meeting, to establish the list of speakers for the debate in the plenary of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, to be held from Wednesday, 20, to Friday, 22 June 2012, in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), pursuant to General Assembly resolution 66/197 of 22 December 2011 (A/RES/66/197), *has been postponed* to Friday, 11 May 2012, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB). Delegations who have not yet submitted their request for inscription on the list of speakers are kindly requested to communicate, *as soon as possible,* their level of participation, *in writing*, and hand-delivered to the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room IN-0613A). For further information, please contact Ms. Meriem Heddache (e-mail heddachem@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063).

Accreditation of national security personnel

Permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to submit applications for national security personnel to the attention of the Department of Safety and Security in New York. Pre-accreditation will be accepted for processing by the Special Services Unit (c/o Captain William Ball (e-mail uncsdsecurity@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7531; room L-0113Q; fax 1 (212) 963-1833)). Applications will be received until *Friday, 25 May 2012*. From Monday, 4 June 2012, onwards, all accreditation requests must be submitted to the United Nations Security and Safety Service at the Riocentro Convention Center (e-mail uncsdsecurity@un.org).

General Assembly

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development

Informal informal consultations on the draft outcome document

Working Group 1

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Conference Room 3 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Conference Room 3 (NLB)

7–10 p.m. . . . . Conference Room 3 (NLB)

Section III on "Green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication"

Section V on "Framework for action and follow-up"

Working Group 2

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Conference Room 1 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Conference Room 1 (NLB)

7–10 p.m. . . . . Conference Room 1 (NLB)

Section I on "Preamble/Stage setting"

Section II on "Renewing political commitment"

Section IV on "Institutional framework for sustainable development"

[The draft outcome document and the organization of work of the informal informal consultations are available on the Rio+20 Web site <www.uncsd2012.org/rio20/>. Delegations are also reminded that a password-protected Rio+20 e-discussion forum has been created to enable an exchange on the draft outcome document of the Conference. Delegations wishing to subscribe to the e-discussion forum are requested to contact the UNCSD secretariat (e-mail uncsd2012@un.org).]

[To consult the preliminary list of side events on the occasion of the second round of informal informal negotiations on the draft outcome document, please *click here*.]

[The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) will be servicing the session in a PaperSmart way. Delegations and participants attending the meeting are encouraged to carry their mobile devices, including tablets, to avail themselves of the PaperSmart Portal[1]. The Portal is available for delegations participating in the session of the Preparatory Committee, at the following address: <http://papersmart.un.org>. For further information, please contact the ISPS Secretariat (e-mail papersmart@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-2025).]

[1]The Portal is an initiative of the Integrated Sustainable PaperSmart Services (ISPS) Secretariat, Meetings and Publishing Division, DGACM. Application development and hosting for the Portal are provided by the Office of Information and Communications Technology, Department of Management, with branding and graphic design provided by the Graphic Design Unit, Outreach Division, Department of Public Information.

South-South cooperation for development

High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation
Seventeenth session
Organizational meeting

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 1st meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2 (NLB)

1. Adoption of the provisional agenda (SSC/17/L.1)
2. Election of the President of the seventeenth session
3. Election of officers other than the President
4. Adoption of the agenda of the seventeenth session and organization of work (SSC/17/L.2 and SSC/17/L.3)
5. Issues before the seventeenth session of the High-Level Committee
6. Closure of the organizational meeting

United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

Working Group V (Insolvency Law)
Forty-first session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Economic and Social Council

Special event

3–6 p.m. . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB)

"Harnessing the contributions of civil society to sustainable development"

Following welcoming remarks by the Vice-President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Desra Percaya (Indonesia), the Council will hear presentations, by each of the representatives of the nine major groups as identified in Agenda 21, on examples of concrete initiatives being undertaken in support of sustainable development, including for Rio+20 and beyond. The presentations will be followed by a question and answer time.

[All are invited to attend. For additional information on the event, please contact Mr. Ajit Yogasundram, Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) (e-mail yogasundram@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5737).]

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/66/251 and A/66/252.

Thursday, 3 May 2012

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa" (under agenda item 63 (b)) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Egypt)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Interaction between the United Nations, national parliaments and the Inter-Parliamentary Union" (under agenda item 130) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Morocco)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6 (NLB)

Other meetings

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Thursday, 3 May 2012

Group of 77 (at the ambassadorial level)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Group of 77 (on Oceans and Law of the Sea Matters)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B (NLB)

Other activities

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Thursday, 3 May 2012

High-level DPI/NGO briefing on "New voices: Media freedom helping to transform societies" (on the occasion of the World Press Freedom Day) (organized in cooperation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO))

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Gail Bindley-Taylor, DPI (e-mail sainte@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9380).]

Round-table discussion on "Protecting journalists: Lessons learned and prospects five years after resolution 1738" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of France and Greece, in cooperation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO))

From 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Benjamin Cabouat, Permanent Mission of France (tel. 1 (212) 702-4963); or Mr. Iakovos Iakovidis, Permanent Mission of Greece (tel. 1 (212) 479-1369). For those without a United Nations grounds pass, please contact the UNESCO Office (e-mail newyork@unesco.org).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.shtml>.

Thursday, 3 May 2012

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

12.30 p.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Agshin Mehdiyev (Azerbaijan), President of the Security Council for the month of May (on the programme of work of the Council for the month)

General Assembly
Sixty-seventh session

The sixty-seventh session will convene at United Nations Headquarters on Tuesday, 18 September 2012, at 3 p.m., and the general debate will open on Tuesday, 25 September. The high-level meeting on the rule of law at the national and international levels will be held on Monday, 24 September. The preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-seventh regular session of the General Assembly is contained in document A/67/50. A draft programme of work of the plenary will be issued in July.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/66/251. Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org, so as to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

Further information may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-2332 or 1 (917) 367-5895; or by e-mailing at gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org.

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

Second part of the resumed session

The second part of the resumed session of the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly at its sixty-sixth session will begin on Monday, 7 May 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB). The status of preparedness of documentation will be issued in document A/C.5/66/L.33.

Information on the work of the Fifth Committee, including the status of documentation, as well as the tentative and provisional programme of work, is available at <www.un.org/en/ga/fifth>.

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives, alternate representatives and advisers to the Secretary of the Fifth Committee, Ms. Sharon Van Buerle (e-mail fifthcommittee@un.org; room L-0321; fax 1 (212) 963-0360), *by Friday, 4 May 2012*. Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

General Assembly

Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction

The Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction will meet from Monday, 7, to Friday, 11 May 2012. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 7 May, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

The provisional agenda of the meeting is contained in document A/AC.276/L.7. The draft format and annotated provisional agenda and organization of work are contained in document A/AC.276/L.8. The above documents, as well as other relevant information on the Working Group, are available on the Web site of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, at the following address: <www.un.org/Depts/los/biodiversityworkinggroup/biodiversityworkinggroup.htm>.

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives participating in the meeting of the Working Group to the Division, *by Friday, 4 May 2012* (room DC2-450; fax 1 (212) 963-5847).

Delegations wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers are invited to contact the Division (tel. 1 (212) 963-1894).

Please *click here* to consult the list of side events scheduled to be held during the meeting.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-second session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-second session at Headquarters from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 June 2012.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, inter alia, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 18 May 2012*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 64/248. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

Executive Board
Annual session of 2012

Pre-session informal meeting

A pre-session informal briefing of the Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) will take place on Tuesday, 15 May 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

Annual session

The annual session of 2012 of the Executive Board of UN-Women will be held from Tuesday, 29 May, to Friday, 1 June 2012, in Conference Room 3 (NLB). The provisional agenda, list of documents and work plan for the session are contained in document UNW/2012/L.3.

Member States, as well as observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials (names and titles of each delegation member, on official letterhead), and requests to be inscribed on the list of speakers, to the secretariat of the Executive Board (e-mail rocio.torres@unwomen.org), as early as possible, *but no later than Tuesday, 22 May 2012*. To consult the documentation for the session, please *click here*.

Economic and Social Council

Youth forum

The Economic and Social Council will hold a youth forum on the theme of "Creating a sustainable future: Empowering youth with better job opportunities" on Friday, 4 May 2012, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The forum will include an opening statement by the Deputy Secretary-General, Ms. Asha-Rose Migiro, and keynote addresses by Mr. Ronan Farrow, Special Adviser to the United States Secretary of State for Global Youth Issues, and Ms. Danielle Fong, Chief Science Officer and Co-Founder, LightSail Energy. Moderators will include Mr. Rishi Jaitly, Program Director, John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, and Dr. Gernot Wagner, Economist, Environmental Defense Fund, and adjunct Professor, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University.

There will be two interactive dialogue sessions to provide youth representatives attending in person and via video link an opportunity to exchange views and ideas with multiple stakeholders, including Member States, civil society organizations, academia and the private sector. Closing remarks will be made by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. Sha Zukang, and the Acting Head of the Department of Public Information, Mr. Maher Nasser. For further information, please contact Mr. Paul Simon (e-mail simonp@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5027); or Ms. Makiko Tagashira (e-mail tagashira@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4836).

Briefing

There will be a briefing of the Economic and Social Council on Tuesday, 8 May 2012, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The Assistant-Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs and Secretary of the Chief Executives Board, Mr. Thomas Stelzer, will brief the Council on the outcome of the Spring 2012 Session of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB). All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Maria Lehtinen, Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail lehtinen@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7478).

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Eleventh session

The Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues will hold its eleventh session from Monday, 7, to Friday, 18 May 2012, at United Nations Headquarters. The provisional agenda of the session is contained in document E/C.19/2012/1, and the proposed organization of work is contained in document E/C.19/2012/L.1.

Member States, intergovernmental organizations and United Nations bodies and specialized agencies wishing to send observers to the session are requested to communicate the composition of their delegations, in advance of the session, to the Secretary of the Forum, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail herity@un.org; room IN-0613C; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

The list of speakers is open. Member States and United Nations bodies and specialized agencies wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for a particular item should contact the secretariat (Mr. Victor Leu (e-mail leu@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)).

For background and other related documents of the eleventh session of the Forum, please visit the following Web site: <www.un.org/indigenous>.

High-level event to commemorate the fifth anniversary of the adoption of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

In accordance with paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 66/142 (A/RES/66/142), the Secretary-General will convene a high-level event during the eleventh session of the Forum to commemorate the fifth anniversary of the adoption of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, on Thursday, 17 May 2012, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall. Further information on the event is available at the following address <www.un.org/indigenous>.

Member States, intergovernmental organizations and United Nations bodies and specialized agencies that have *not registered for the eleventh session of the Permanent Forum*, but wish to have a reserved seat in the General Assembly hall for the commemorative event are requested to indicate their intention to attend the commemorative event by sending an e-mail to the secretariat (herity@un.org, with a copy to leu@un.org) *by close of business on Monday, 14 May 2012.*

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

Informal briefings

The UNICEF Executive Board will hold informal briefings in preparation for the 2012 annual session, as follows:

Tuesday, 15 May 2012, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. and from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB): on the annual report on the evaluation function and major evaluations, including the management response to the thematic analysis (violence against children programming); and on the office of Internal Audit 2011 annual report; and

Monday, 21 May 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB): on the thematic discussion on Focus Area 5 of the medium-term strategic plan (Policy advocacy and partnerships for children's rights) (in the context of the pre-session).

Annual session

The 2012 annual session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from Tuesday, 5, to Friday, 8 June 2012, in Conference Room 2 (NLB). The provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work will be issued in document E/ICEF/2012/9.

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board will be held on Monday, 21 May 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

Advance copies of all documentation for the session are available at the following site: <www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_61796.html>. Member States, as well as

observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session, are requested to submit their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (e-mail jpiccolominigeary@unicef.org; or fax 1 (212) 326-7096), *no later than Friday, 25 May 2012*. In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services

The second meeting in the process of consultation with Member States on the *Human Development Report 2012* will take place on Wednesday, 9 May 2012, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). Interested delegations are invited to attend.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/66/251 and A/66/252.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies" (under agenda item 32) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, in its capacity as chair of the International Conference of New or Restored Democracies)

Thursday, 17 May 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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UNITAR Rio Preparation Forum: Workshop on "Connectedness and sustainability" (organized in cooperation with the Digital Energy and Sustainable Solutions Campaign (DESSC))

Friday, 4 May 2012, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB).

[The workshop is open to all permanent missions and permanent observer missions. To register, please *click here*. For further information, contact Mr. Felix Haass, UNITAR (e-mail felix.haass@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021).]

Women's International Forum: Meeting on "Quo vadis ICC?: Assessing the International Criminal Court's first ten years and planning the future" (sponsored by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General)

Friday, 4 May 2012, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

[Delegates and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. Please *click here* for further information.]

Briefing on the report of the Secretary-General on "Follow-up to General Assembly resolution 64/291 on human security (A/66/763)" (organized by the Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on Human Security)

Monday, 7 May 2012, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

[The briefing is open to Member States only. For further information, please contact Ms. Mehrnaz Mostafavi, Human Security Unit, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) (e-mail mostafavi@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-2239).]

Informal discussion on "The transitional justice and the rule of law" (co-organized by the Missions of Switzerland and Tunisia and the International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ))

Monday, 7 May 2012, from 3.30 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room D (NLB).

[The discussion is open to all permanent missions and permanent observer missions. For further information, please contact Ms. Gabriela Potts, Permanent Mission of Switzerland (e-mail gabriela.potts@eda.admin.ch; tel. 1 (212) 286-1540, ext. 1131).]

Special commemorative event on the occasion of the Day of Vesak (General Assembly resolution 54/115 (A/RES/54/115)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka, in cooperation with the Permanent Missions of Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Thailand and Viet Nam)

Monday, 7 May 2012, at 6.30 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka (Ms. Deepthi Nanayakkara (e-mail pa2prun@slmission.com; tel. 1 (212) 978-7040); or Ms. Rasika Fernando (e-mail; pa2dpr@slmission.com; tel. 1 (212) 968-7040)).]

OLA/UNITAR Seminar on International Treaty Law and Practice

Thursday, 10 May 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB); and

Friday, 11 May 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB).

[The seminar is open to all permanent missions and permanent observer missions. To register, please *click here*. For further information, contact Ms. Hélène Gandois, UNITAR (e-mail gandoish@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684).]

UNITAR/USIP Course on "Governance — Paths to democratic institution building in transition environments" (co-organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the United States Institute of Peace (USIP))

Wednesday, 16 May 2012, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB); and

Thursday, 17, and Friday, 18 May 2012, from 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2.30 to 4 p.m., at the Permanent Mission of Turkey (821 United Nations Plaza, 10th Floor).

[All are invited to attend. To register, please *click here*. For further information, please contact Ms. Hélène Gandois, UNITAR (e-mail gandoish@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684; fax 1 (212) 963-9686).]

Panel discussion on "Impact of public-private partnerships in education: An evidence-based approach" (co-organized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the United Nations Office for Partnerships (UNOP) and the IDP Foundation)

Friday, 25 May 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For registration and further information, please contact to Ms. Janae Bushman, UNESCO New York Office (e-mail ej.bushman@unesco.org).]

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

Economic and Social Council

Commission on Science and Technology for Development
Fifteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

In accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 2011/240, the fifteenth session of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development will be held from Monday, 21, to Friday, 25 May 2012, in Conference Room XIX, at the Palais des Nations, Geneva. The annotated provisional agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/CN.16/2012/1.

Members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to attend, are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to Mr. Mongi Hamdi, Head, Science, Technology and ICT Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD, Room E.7077, Geneva (e-mail mongi.hamdi@unctad.org; tel. 011-41-22-917-5069; fax 011-41-22-917-0052).

In preparation for the session, please *click here* to review the documentation and other background information.

Inquiries on the fifteenth session of the Commission can also be directed to Mr. Otto Gustafik, Secretary of the Commission (e-mail gustafik@un.org).

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions in Room DC2-1142, in English (French and Spanish), on the dates indicated below. All interested are kindly requested to register by e-mail (librarytraining@un.org) or by telephone (1 (212) 963-5321).

Overview of the Dag Hammarskjöld Library (new) (from 11 a.m. to 12 noon)

Tuesday, 8 May 2012.

Overview of the Legal Library (from 4 to 5 p.m.)

Tuesday, 8 May 2012.

Introduction to United Nations documents (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Wednesday, 9 May 2012 (*Spanish*); and

Thursday, 10 May 2012 (*English*).

Treaty research (from 3 to 5 p.m.)

Friday, 11 May 2012.

Searching the Official Document System (ODS) (from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.)

Tuesday, 15 May 2012.

News resources for the United Nations community (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Tuesday, 22 May 2012.

Introduction to the Map Collection (from 3 to 4.30 p.m.)

Tuesday, 22 May 2012; and

Thursday, 24 May 2012.

Social Networking 101: A user guide to the United Nations Library's social media tools (10 to 11.30 a.m.)

Thursday, 24 May 2012.

Reports of the Secretary-General on disarmament items to be submitted to the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly *(reminder)*

The Office for Disarmament Affairs would be grateful[1] if Member States could communicate to the Office, in hard copy and electronic version (Word format), the relevant data and information, pursuant to the General Assembly resolutions indicated below, so as to facilitate issuance of the reports in time for consideration by the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session. Provision of the submission in Microsoft Word format *is required*. Kindly send the electronic version to Ms. Jenny Fuchs (fuchs@un.org).

To be received by Thursday, 31 May 2012:

Resolution 66/24, para. 3, entitled "Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security" (A/RES/66/24), adopted on 2 December 2011 (Note verbale ODA/21-2012/IT dated 16 February 2012 refers);

Resolution 66/25, paras. 10 and 11, entitled "Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East" (A/RES/66/25), adopted on 2 December 2011 (Note verbale ODA/03-2012/NWFZME dated 13 February 2012 refers);

Resolution 66/46, para. 3, entitled "Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the *Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons*" (A/RES/66/46), adopted on 2 December 2011 (Note verbale ODA/02-2012/ICJ dated 10 February 2012 refers);

Resolution 66/31, para. 4, entitled "Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control" (A/RES/66/31), adopted on 2 December 2011 (Note verbale ODA/23-2012/EN dated 16 February 2012 refers);

Resolution 66/32, para. 8, entitled "Promotion of multilateralism in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation" A/RES/66/32), adopted on 2 December 2011 (Note verbale ODA/22-2012/ML dated 16 February 2012 refers);

Resolution 66/38, para. 8, entitled "Confidence-building measures in the regional and subregional context" (A/RES/66/38), adopted on 2 December 2011 (Note verbale ODA/07/2012 dated 15 February 2012 refers);

Resolution 66/50, para. 5, entitled "Measures to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction" A/RES/66/50), adopted on 2 December 2011 (Note verbale ODA/04-2012/WMDT dated 13 February 2012 refers);

Resolution 66/63, para. 8, entitled "Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region" (A/RES/66/63), adopted on 2 December 2011 (Note verbale ODA/08-2012/SSCMR dated 14 February 2012 refers); and

Resolution 65/77, paras. 2 and 3, entitled "United Nations study on disarmament and non-proliferation education" (A/RES/65/77), adopted on 8 December 2010 (Note verbale ODA/27-2012/DNP dated 27 February 2012 refers).

To be received by Friday, 1 June 2012:

Resolution 65/55, paras. 2, 3 and 7, entitled "Effects of the use of armaments and ammunitions containing depleted uranium" (A/RES/65/55), adopted on 8 December 2010 (Note verbale ODA/19-2012/ADU dated 7 March 2012 refers).

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to remind all States parties to the international human rights treaties that the rules of procedure of all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to a meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in advance of a meeting and the Secretariat continues to receive numerous obsolete credentials many months

after the meetings have concluded. In order to assist delegations with ensuring the timely submission of credentials, advance notice is given of the following meetings of States parties in 2012:

Seventeenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (26 June 2012) <www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cedaw/elections2012.htm>;

Thirty-second Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (6 September 2012);

Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (12–14 September 2012); and

Fourteenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (18 December 2012).

All States parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting, in order to ensure the smooth running of the elections. Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. Credentials for the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities should be sent to the secretariat of the Conference in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Credentials for all other meetings should be sent to OHCHR in New York. For any clarifications, please contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292; room DC1-504).

Kindly take note that all elections for the Committee on Economic Social and Cultural Rights, including those scheduled to take place in April 2012, are organized by the secretariat of the Economic and Social Council, not by OHCHR. All queries related to these elections should be addressed to Ms. Celia Syyap, Economic and Social Affairs Branch, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) (e-mail syyap@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0906).

Please note also that OHCHR is not responsible for the Human Rights Council elections. Queries related to these elections should be addressed to Ms. Mary Muturi, General Assembly Affairs Branch, DGACM (e-mail muturi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2337).

Summary of official meetings

Wednesday, 2 May 2012

Security Council

6764th meeting

Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of South Sudan and the Sudan, at their request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2012/279, submitted by France, Germany, South Africa, Togo, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2012/279) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2012/279) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions and was adopted unanimously as resolution 2046 (2012).

After the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the United States, China, South Africa, India, Germany, the Russian Federation, Colombia, France, Togo, Morocco, the United Kingdom, Pakistan, Guatemala and Portugal, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Azerbaijan.

The Council heard a statement by H.E. Mr. Deng Alor Kuol, Minister of Cabinet Affairs of South Sudan and by the representative of the Sudan.

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

341st meeting

Adoption of the agenda

The Committee adopted the agenda of the meeting.

The Chair made a statement on a number of activities which had taken place since the previous meeting of the Committee.

The situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and developments in the political process

The Permanent Observer of Palestine made a statement.

The Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) Representative Office, New York, made a statement.

The Permanent Observer of Palestine made a statement.

Report on the United Nations International Meeting on the Question of Palestine and the consultations with civil society organizations, UNOG, 3-5 April 2012

The Rapporteur of the Committee presented the Report.

United Nations International Meeting on the Question of Palestine, and United Nations Meeting of Civil Society in Support of Israeli-Palestinian Peace, UNESCO, Paris, 30 May to 1 June 2012 (Working Paper No. 2)

The Committee approved Working Paper No. 2.

Other matters

The Chair made a statement on the upcoming activities of the Committee.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Agreement on the establishment of the International Vaccine Institute. New York, 28 October 1996

Accession: India (1 May 2012)[1]

Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants. Stockholm, 22 May 2001

Corrections to the Chinese text of Amendments to Annexes A, B and C of the Convention (1 May 2012)

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant docun.ents.

General information

Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *May 2012* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Angola
H.E. Mr. Ismael Abraão Gaspar Martins

Asia-Pacific States:
Myanmar
H.E. Mr. Than Swe

Eastern European States:
Hungary
H.E. Mr. Csaba Kőrösi

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Guyana
H.E. Mr. George Wilfred Talbot

Western European and other States:
Switzerland
H.E. Mr. Paul Seger

Security Council

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